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X ACTION REQUIRED: Approval

DATE OF MEETING: 3/21/14

PREPARED BY: Adcock

DATE MATERIAL
PREPARED: 03/17/14

AGENDA ITEM: Review Proposed County Review and Community Convening

ENCLOSURES:

- Overview, Process and Agenda for Community Convening
- Overview and Review Protocol for Small County Reviews

OTHER MATERIAL RELATED TO ITEM:

ISSUE:

The Executive Committee approved the concepts of conducting small county reviews and community convenings at their February meeting. Enclosed are the overviews and protocols for these activities for review and approval.

Laura Leonelli is staff to the community convenings.

Michael Gardner is staff to the small county reviews.

Community Convenings - "We're Listening" (Draft)

(WIC 5772, h. "To conduct public hearings on the state mental health plan, Substance Abuse and Mental Health Service Agency (SAMHSA) block grant, and other topics, as needed")

Overview:

Meetings of the local/regional mental health community, including consumers and family members, mental health service providers, County staff, Mental Health Board members, other community partners, and Planning Council members. The purpose of the convenings is to hear and record feedback on the many recent changes to the public mental health system, such as MediCal expansion through the ACA, the impact of AB 109 Criminal Justice Realignment, the shift of special education mental health to school districts through AB 114, the shift of Healthy Families to Medi-Cal, the Katie A. settlement requirements, and newly-implemented MHSA programs. What is working well? Are services more available, and is there better access by an expanded number of consumers? Are family members receiving the support they need? What are the challenges in this time of transition? What further changes would the community recommend that would make mental health services more effective, and why?

Planning Council staff will organize the convenings in collaboration with local mental health stakeholders. Staff will record observations, input and recommendations obtained from the meeting participants. A report based on these findings will be written and shared with Planning Council members and the mental health community. It is anticipated that the Planning Council will make recommendations to the DHCS and/or Administration as a result of this input.

Protocol notes –

Purpose: To obtain public input on quality and effectiveness of mental health services, per PC mandate

Process:

- Select community/area to hold forum
- Make contacts with local County admin, service providers, community groups
- Also contact MHB, public officials
- Get input on accessible, appropriate venue and contact info – determine costs of venue and other meeting expenses
- Plan publicity, outreach ~ 1 month in advance, total planning time 6 – 8 wks

- Try to get refreshments donated by local entity (County, CBO)
- Arrange focus, topic, questions in advance and share with PC, County partners.
List questions on promotional flyer.
- Address any logistical issues: set up, sound, cleanup, materials

Convening Agenda:
3:00 – 6:30 pm (tentative)

- A. Welcome all those attending – PC staff, members
- B. General introductions (County officers, MHB members, Provider agencies, etc)
- C. Introduce Planning Council, our Mission and the Purpose of the public meeting
- D. Opening Remarks (15 min. each)
 1. County MH Director – Address recent changes and their impact on the County Mental Health system:
 - AB 109 Realignment,
 - MediCal expansion,
 - AB 114 transfer of mental health funding to school districts,
 - Healthy Families transition,
 - new MHSA programs, etc.
 2. Chair of the Mental Health Board – impacts of above changes to consumers, family members, community
- E. Public Comment: Perspectives from Service Providers, Consumers, Family members, other Stakeholders (eg Law enforcement, Teachers, Healthcare)
- F. Wrap up: Summarize comments
- G. PC staff will compile a report of meeting proceedings, report back to stakeholders, make policy recommendations based on community input

Focus, Discussion topics:

1. What has changed in mental health service delivery in your community in the past couple of years?
2. Are services more accessible, available since these changes? How is the system working?
3. Are families of those with mental illness receiving the services and support they need?
4. Share a story of a positive impact resulting from your experience with mental health services.